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Winners of the Present Day Defeats Kumagae in Final Not Quite as Good as Willie Anderson.

SMITHS HARD TO BEAT GRIFFIN - ROBERTS

By JOHN G. ANDERSON.

A recent query, the outcome of a golf-ing bee which was held at the nineteenth hole at Shawnes, was the question as to whether the older golfers such as Aleck Smith, Willie Smith and Willie Anderson were the equal in playing power of the professionals in America to-day. Gibert Nichols and Aleck Campbell, many times partners of these golfers were of the firm conviction that the golfers of the past with the exception of 2 John J. McDermot, with the present day squad are in every way as clever and that the lively ball with the resultant low scoring has been offset; by the difficulty of the present day links, it must be admitted, of course, at the players in question many times when the california youngster, calling out.

The final of the Crescent A. C. singles four and that the opinions of the latter to carry the control of the court. The strong wind the present day links, it will be Johnston, running the player of the size of the past of By JOHN G. ANDERSON.

records where the same golfers ..ave played over links such as Myopia, Brook-line, Brae Burn, Wheaton and Garden relative merits of the golfers in question. We do know that Willie Anderson in winning the open title at Myopia went round in 315 and 314, but as there has been no open championship held there since we cannot say what the present day scores would be. The course has been made a bit harder since those days, but the added length of the ball more than makes up for any new difficulty. And there are very few professionals today, not ten in the country, who could go round Myopia in 314 under the or round Myopia in \$14 under the weather conditions and the slippery greens and high wind which were in evi-ience at the time of the Anderson

There are many golfers who saw the

were the absolute superior in one. There never has been a better putter in this between himself and made it a fight country than Aleck Smith in his prime. Higher the would average less than two putts made it a three handed argument last to the green in every match that he played or every medal play round. He played or every medal play round. He played or every medal play round. He season and then believed to the first suith Kansas City.

| Also Beals for inches | M. Huber (8 inches) | 5 feet 6 | Murray | 6 inches | 6 inche

cap it all he took as much time on his putts, short or long, on eighteen holes as the average amateur does in six or less. I doubt very much if he ever removed a worm cast or a bit of leaf; it all evened up in the end, so he said, and he let it go at that.

Travers and Travis were and are the stars in the amateur ranks, but neither was a whit better than Smith. This marked superiority won titles for Aleck. To-day there is not a putter in the professional ranks who can putt anywhere near as well as he did. And it has been shown often that putting is almost half the game. In this respect, therefore, there is good ground for claiming that the old guard, so far as it affects the Wykagyl professional, was fully as good if not better.

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Round of Crescent A. C. Tennis Tourney.

Calibre of Entrants in National Play Will Make Affair an Open One.

Unusual interest centres around this seriously, having had his fill of three championship honors, but there is little doubt that Willie Smith if he were in the North would hold his end up in splendid fashion. we would arrive at this conclusion. They were the equal of any of the other players in all manner of shots and they were the absolute superior in one. There never has been a better putter in this between the start who the champion would be. William A. Larned some years back had the whole thing cut and players in all manner of shots and they were the absolute superior in one. There never has been a better putter in this between the same and made it a fight between the same and made it a fight between the case of the classic between two some cases to a tussic between two in some cases to a tussic between two in some cases to a tussic between two some cases to a tussic between two in some cases to a tussic backer.

SECTIONAL DOUBLES.

64 PLAYERS ENTERED PLANT TOO FAST IN NEWPORT TOURNEY

Seven of First Ten Ranking Men to Compete on Casino Courts.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 13 .- Sixty-four entries, including the names of the first mous Casino courts here starting to-day R. Lindley Murray, the California ten- The field is one of the best entered in any

SPORTING GOSSIP

Tom Mac Nulty

Toung lady tells us her sweetheart is in the minors because his folks don't want him to play in the majors. Ge, mother must have read all about Cobb stealing second, Merkle expiring at third and Gilhooley being killed at the

You can't convince the Philip fans that he isn't Alexander the Greater.

Dear Tom—How many games was Brooklyn ahead of the New York team in the National League on the morning of July 26, 1916? EDDIE.

Dear Tom-When did Rube Marquard Dear Tom-When the straight. F. DOMANICO.

Dear Tom—Kindly give me the decision that the New York Press gave for the last Leonard-Dundee fight.

Leonard, on points.

Dear Tom—I am from Rhode Island enjoying my vacation in Brooklyn. While on a car yesterday I picked up the eporting section of THE SUN and read a query asking the whereabouts of Joe Start, the old ball player. He is now living in Lakewood, a suburb of Providence. R. I. Glad I was able to locate him for you.

STANLEY PARKER.

Dear Tom-A bets Kid Williams is the recognized champion of the bantam class. B bets it is Johnny Ertie. We have agreed to abide by your opinion.

JOHN J. FAY. Kid Williams is the recognized cham-

Dear Tom: In regard to "W. E. B.'e' query, George Collins is no longer president of the Avondale Athletic Club.
E. F. S.,
Thanks.

athlete finished first, Bell was second by twenty-five yards, and Aaron Morris, the dusky St. Christopher distancer, finished third. Plant was timed in 9 minutes and 58 seconds, which is the fastest two miles he ever has run. Last year in winning the same event Plant required 10 minutes and 26 seconds to complete miles he ever has run. Last year in winning the same event Plant required 10 minutes and 26 seconds to complete the distance. The time also is a new club record. Plant took the lead entering the final mile and, although hard pressed by Bell, never thereafter relinquished it.

At Degnon Field.

The Degnon Grays handed the Jeffersans an overwhelming defeat at Degnon Field yesterday, winning 15 to 0. The Grays got nine-teen hits for a total of thirty-one bases, the park when he drove the ball over the centre field fence for a homer. In the first game the park scores; DEGNON GRAYS.

Athletes better keep away from the moving picture shows, as it might endanger their amateur standing.

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Week-End Results on Local and Nearby Diamonds

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WHITE TO CHANGE PLAN OF ATTACK

In that rests White's only hope for